your choice provided you don't touch the same point more than once except for the purpose of transfers and connections. Payment is to be made in foreign currency.

(c) Youth Fare—25 per cent off

Those between the ages of 12 to 30 years are eligible for this discount. It is applicable on the domestic and Indo-Nepal sectors against US $ tariff. Travel is permitted year-round.

(d) South India—30 per cent off.

This discount is available against US $ tariff for individual travellers on specified South India Sectors of Madras, Tiruchirappali, Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Cochin, Bangalore, Madurai, when combined with Travel from either Sri Lanka or Maldives through the gateway points of Madras, Tiruchirappali, Trivandrum. It is also available for groups of 10 or more passengers on the sectors specified above, without the combination and gateway point requirements.

Indrail Passes

The Railways issue Ind-Rail passes for 7 to 90 days and also one day passes against payment in foreign exchange.

Foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot

3415. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines/Vayudoot during the last one year;

(b) whether the foreign exchange earned by these airlines is much less than the previous year; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange earned by these airlines is not utilised for the procurement of sophisticated equipment used for the maintenances of the aircraft; and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in 1986-87 and 1987-88 is as follows:—

	1986-87	1987-88
	(*Rs. in crores*)	
Indian Airlines .	204.33	205.97
Vayudoot . .	0.12	0.30

Both Airlines have earned more foreign exchange during 1987-88 than 1986-87.

(c) There is no nexus between the foreign exchange earned and foreign exchange utilised for the procurement of equipment by the airlines. Foreign exchange required by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot for procurement of sophisticated equipment, etc. is released by Government from time to time on need basis.

Pak proposal to reduce Troops and Arms by India and Pakistan

3416. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a statement of Pakistan's Prime Minister Mrs. Benazir Bhutto made to a Calcutta weekly that she wants to persue her country's proposal made to India by General Zia four years ago

for mutual reduction of troops and arms; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) what is Government's reaction to Pakistan refusal to renew the trade agreement between two countries since July, 1978 and Mrs. Bhutto's evasive remarks that SAARC was examining this very question; and

(c) what is the present arrangement of trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports of Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto's remarks on mutual reduction of troops and arms. Government feel that it is in the mutual interest of India and Pakistan to take steps that would improve the climate of relations between the two countries leading to reduction in their defence spending so that scarce resources could be diverted to developmental activities.

(b) and (c) The India-Pakistan Trade Agreement does not fall within the purview of SAARC and is a purely bilateral issue. Government had approached the Pakistani side for renewal of the India-Pakistan Trade Agreement signed in 1975 when it expired in 1978, but the Pakistani side did not respond positively, while we accord Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan, the latter has not so far reciprocated despite being a member of GATT.

Retirement of members of India Tourism Development Corporation Board

3417. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 1490 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1969 and state:

(a) what are the names of those non official Directors who retired recently from ITDC Board along with dates of the retirement;

(b) what is criteria for selection of ITDC Board member;

(c) what is term of the Board; and

(d) what is usual strength of ITDC Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The following non-official Directors retired from I.T.D.C. Board with effect from 6-10-1987:

(1)Dr. M. M. Anand

(2) Shri Kali H. Mody

(3) Smt. Kumudesh Bhandari

(b) The criteria laid down by the Bureau of Public Enterprises for selection of ITDC Board members, whether official or non-official is being followed. As per these guidelines, the official part-time Directors are representatives of the administrative Ministry and the Ministry of Finance. Non-official Directors are Scientists, technologists or reputed persons or Directors/Senior officials of other Public Sector Undertaking and their strength is to be restricted to 1/3 of the total strength of the Board.

(c) Two years.

(d) As per the memorandum & Articles of Association of ITDC Ltd., the number of Directors shall not be less than two and more than fifteen.

चीन और पाकिस्तान के अवैध कब्जे में भारतीय क्षेत्र

3418. **श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आज की तारीख तक भारत का कुल कितना वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र क्षमा-